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Programme budget implications of draft resolution B contained in A/56/21/Add.1

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 33rd and 40th meetings, on 7 and 24 December 2001, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/20 and Corr.1) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution B contained in document A/56/21/Add.1. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee (see A/C.5/56/SR.33).

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/56/SR.33 and 40).

Decision of the Fifth Committee

3. The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/20), decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution B contained in document A/56/21/Add.1, an additional appropriation of $2,680,000 would be required in the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 as follows: section 26, Public information, $2,372,000; and section 32, Staff assessment, $308,000, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, these provisions would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

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4. The Fifth Committee requests the Secretary-General to explore opportunities for cooperation and cost-sharing of production cost with specialized agencies and funds and programmes in the United Nations system and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.